

**Enemy Launches Offensive on Whole Front South of the Somme—
Post at Festubert Recaptured by Haig's Troops, Who Keep Line
Intact in Robecq Sector—Enemy in Drive Against French Gains
Footing in Woods—Elsewhere is Held.**

LONDON, April 24.—Field Marshal Haig reports that the Germans have taken Villers-Bretonneux. The text of the statement reads:

"About 6.30 in the morning, after a violent bombardment, the enemy attacked our whole front south of the Somme and the French on our right and was repulsed. Later in the morning an attack on our positions in this sector was renewed in strength, and although repulsed with loss on the southern and northern positions of the front, the enemy made progress at Villers-Bretonneux, where the fighting has been severe throughout the day. By evening the enemy had gained possession of the village and the fighting was continuing.

"Early in the morning the enemy delivered a strong local attack, without success, against our new positions at Robeco. Our line was maintained intact and 84 prisoners were left in our hands."

PARIS, April 24.—The battle on the whole front south of the Somme and on the Aisne lasted all day and still continues, according to the war office announcement tonight. The Germans gained footing in the woods to the northward of Haugard in Santerre and also in the eastern outskirts of the village.

"Several enemy assaults were shattered near Hailles, and attacks at Senecat wood and Hill 82 also failed.

General Bombardment
London, April 24.—"The hostile artillery activity increased yesterday afternoon and evening on the greater part of the British front, particularly in the Somme and Aisne sectors, in the valley of the Scarpe and in the sectors north of Bethune and north-

"At dusk hostile infantry left their trenches to attack northwest of Albert. It met with heavy rifle and machine gun fire and were driven back. "Strong hostile attacks developed in the afternoon, but were repulsed by our troops."

Locates American Troops
WASHINGTON, April 24.—The French in the official statement issued by the official French war office definitely locates the American troops which were moved from the southern sectors of the battle line to parts of

embarkment was opened along practically the whole British front from north of Albert to our junction with the French south of the Somme. Strong infantry attacks are reported in progress in the Albert sector and between the Somme and the Aisne.

"Heavy hostile shelling is reported have taken place also early this morning between Givenchy and Roquigny. Concentrations of hostile infantry in the neighborhood of Merleux were dispersed by our artillery."

Makes New Bid for Amiens
LONDON, April 24.—Heralded by heavy artillery preparation over a wide extent of the front, the enemy has made a new bid for Amiens, but, according to latest reports, with only

Summary of the Battle

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After three weeks of preparation in Flanders, during which time they had been making an offensive in Flanders, the

materially the Germans had little chance to make important gains in their operations to the south of

Dispatches from The Hague insist that Holland will not depart from her attitude of neutrality. An unofficial report says that the Dutch minister has left for The Hague, and that the German minister has started for Berlin.

Bretteux, Hangard, Hallies and Del. The first attacks were repulsed, but subsequent attacks, centred on Villers-Bretteux, have caused British withdrawal from this village according to a report from Field Marshal Haig Wednesday evening.

marks a German gain of about 10 miles. The town of Amiens-Bretonneux is about eleven miles directly east of Amiens, and is the northern end of the latest fighting front. It is situated between the Somme and Luce rivers, and while

anked on the south by low-lying
und, it is backed by rolling hills
the west and northwest.
his new drive has been made at
same time that another blow has
struck at the British and French
northeast of Ypres. Savage
slinging of various voice

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, April 24.—Secretary Baker, in a letter to the American expeditionary force, made public here today, promises to "speed up the

transport of the remainder of the great army of which you are the vanguard."

"After a thorough inspection of the American forces," the letter said, "I am returning to the United States with fresh enthusiasm to speed up the

Mole at Zebrugge while hulks and munken steamers are said to "partly block the channel lead-out to sea from the port of Ostend, on the front in France, with the exception of the Somme salient, there has been little fighting of an unusual

LONDON, April 24.—The London Gazette announces the name of James Wood, Canadian munitions board, should be omitted, at his own request, from the list of the Order of the British Empire.

**GERMAN AND DUTCH
MINISTERS QUIT**

AMSTERDAM, April 24.—

The Hetevolk announces that the German minister to The Netherlands has left The Hague for Berlin and that the Dutch minister to Germany is on his way back to his post.

Local News on Page Three

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Theatrical Stars Property Loan Campaign

the Sub-Treasury building on Wall street they delivered patriotic messages, urging the thousands who

Mr. Jefferson said the appeal was made by a small group consisting of several individuals, but that the majority of the people in the state, and several leaders of the Victory Bond movement, partook of the same. Mr. Jefferson says he was particularly impressed by the fact that the appeal was in the fashion in which the people of the United States advertised their loan. He said that the appeal was distributed throughout the country. They were hung in windows, from the tops of houses, and in places where, he said, Stations for the selling of war bonds were located. He said that drug stores, subway entrances and other people might be expected to see the appeal.

Mr. Jefferson in an interview after his return to the state said that the appeal was one of the thrift stamp distribution in the States. "If you even see a man in the street," he said, "the clerk will hand you fifteen cents in change and a ten cent stamp time urging that you take it instead of silver dime."

REGULATIONS FOR

**POOL ROOMS ARE
MORE STRINGENT**

Provincial Government Passes
Order-in-Council Setting Out

New Requirements

— According to an order-in-council just passed by the provincial government, certain regulations altering the re-

According to the new regulations every application for a license shall be accompanied by a written recommendation of the mayor of the city or town, the reeve of the village, or the chairman of the board of the municipal district in which the proposed premises are situate, or of an inspector of the police, or of the reeve of a pool room inspector other than an ex-officio inspector under the police act to the effect that the premises in which the proposed business is to be carried on are in every respect suitable for the purpose proposed, and also by the stamp of and nature and

It also provides that no soft drinks shall be sold or kept in any pool room or bowling alley; no other business of any kind other than the sale of tobacco shall be carried on in the pool room or bowling alley premises; no gambling or game of chance of any kind shall be allowed in any pool room or bowling alley; the windows of each pool room and bowling alley shall not

in such poor road premises shall not be obscured so as to in any degree prevent an uninterrupted view from the outside of the interior; notice of the provisions of this act and any regulations made thereunder in form approved of by the attorney-general shall be kept posted in conspicuous

**FOOT CRUSHED,
CLAIMS \$5,000**

**F. W. Grundy, Switchman, Takes
Action Against Canadian
Northern**

An action which is expected to terminate Thursday was commenced in court Wednesday against the Canadian Northern railway by F. W. Grundy. Mr. Grundy claims that while employed with the railway company as switchman and brakeman that he was killed in an accident at Drumheller. The defendants claim that Grundy was not in their employ at the time of the accident. Five thousand dollars damages and that he could not work in the future of \$140 a month for an indefinite period are being asked by Grundy's

BACK FROM CALGARY
G. H. Graydon and J. H. Lines returned Wednesday morning from Cal-


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Grain and Stock News

GRAIN PRICE FLUCTUATIONS

Supplied Through Baird & Borell.

RANGE IN WINNIPEG.

OATS—	Open	High	Low	Close
May	91%	91%	90%	91
July	88%	88%	87%	87%

RANGE IN CHICAGO.

OATS—	Open	High	Low	Close
May	84%	85%	84%	84%
CORN—	127%	127%	127	127

RANGE IN MINNEAPOLIS.

OATS—	Open	High	Low	Close
May	84%	84%	83%	83%

OATS OFFERINGS FAIRLY HEAVY AT WINNIPEG

All Cash Markets Very Quiet—No Trading in Barley or Flax

Winnipeg, April 24.—All cash markets were very quiet today. All offerings were fairly heavy with wheat unchanged. There was no trading in barley or flax. Barley was unchanged. Wheat was sold at 91% for May and 88% for July. Barley was sold at 84% for May and 82% for July. Flax was sold at 127% for May and 127% for July.

Grain Markets

WINNIPEG CASH.

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Edmonton Markets

GILLESPIE ELEVATOR COMPANY

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Live Stock Quotations

HOGS UP TO \$8.00.	
WEDNESDAY	
Chicago	25.00
St. Louis	24.00
Minneapolis	23.00
Winnipeg	22.00
Edmonton	21.00
Calgary	20.00
Regina	19.00
Saskatoon	18.00
Swift Current	17.00
Yorkton	16.00
Weyburn	15.00
Estevan	14.00
Delisle	13.00
Carleton Place	12.00
Neepawa	11.00
Brandon	10.00
Winkler	9.00
Dauphin	8.00
Thompson	7.00
Neudorf	6.00
St. Walburg	5.00
Carleton Place	4.00
Neepawa	3.00
Brandon	2.00
Winkler	1.00
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Thompson	-1.00
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Grain Prices At Elevators

Supplied Through United Grain Growers' Ltd.

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